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A NEW CHURCH COMES TO LIFE IN PORTLAND

Dairy Provides Temporary Quarters for New Congregation

By Margaret Hewitt

There was an air of reverent and hushed expectancy in the room as we sat listening to the prelude played on the hand organ by the minister's wife.

Joy was evident on the face of the greeter who had spoken to us after sliding back the big glass door as we entered the worship service. We felt it as we took our place toward the rear and then decided to move to the more comfortable simulated cowhide chairs in the front of the room.

We sensed it in the face of the minister as he moved forward to greet us. We heard it in the message the minister brought on "prayer."

We felt it in the willing cooperation of the whole Helseth family to make the service meaningful, whether through the flute solo of daughter Sharon, the willing hands of the girls in arranging the room, or the quiet attentiveness of the children on the front row while the parents took part in the service.

SIMPLE FURNISHINGS

As we looked around, we decided it was not the view (from the observation room of the Meadow Land dairy) of the milking machines on the other side of the glass, although for the moment we reflected on the modern milking machinery in comparison with the manger where Jesus was born.

It was not the tasteful, simple cross on the pulpit, although we were reminded of the path of Jesus from the stable to the cross.

It was not the communion preparations which were taking place with dignity and reverence, as we sat there, al-

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COMMUNION TABLE at the Lynchwood Christian Church: Minister, Ray Helseth, is standing at the left, acting deacons at the right.

CONGREGATION at the second meeting of the Lynchwood Christian Church.

FURTHER DETAILS ON NEW CHURCH IN

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though we thought of how often we take for granted the care and concern which usually go on behind the scenes in preparation for a meaningful experience at the Lord's table.

You see, everything for this worship service—organ, chairs, communion ware, and pulpit—had to be moved into the room just before the service and moved out just afterwards in order to return the room to its commercial purpose.

Here we thought we had our answer. What was this air of reverent and hushed expectancy? A new congregation was born. The members expected something to be happening here, and it was. This was the new Lynchwood Christian Church.

MEETING ROOM IN DAIRY

This is the background of this new church. It is presently meeting in the observation room of the Meadow Land Dairy at 162nd and Powell Blvd. in east Portland. A four-and-one-half acre site has been purchased on 174th Street near Powell, where the congregation hopes to break ground for the first unit of a church building in April of this year.

Sunday, January 8, was the first formal worship service held by the group. Previously nineteen members had joined in the week-day Bible-study meetings held in the home of members, the Bill Morgans. At the first Sunday service, there were 11 additions to the church. There were around fifty in attendance.

RAY HELSETH preaches to his new congregation at Lynchwood.

COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE

This church was able to hold a service in January because of the cooperative effort of many. The minister, Ray Helseth, serves part-time as student minister at Portland State College and is on the field at Lynchwood so far through the money received by the Oregon Christian Missionary Society to build new churches in Oregon during the Decade of Desision. The meeting quarters were donated by the Dairy.

Most of the chairs came from the First Christian Church in Portland. The hymn books, **Christian Worship, Camp and Conference edition,** had the OCMS stamp on them. The pulpit and communion ware came from the old Fairview Christian Church.

Sherman Moore, director of evangelism for the State Society, has been working on this project from the time of making a community survey. Miss Loma Mae Jones, state director of Christian education, met with the membership to plan for teacher training and preparations for a church school.

THE OPPORTUNITY

What now is the possibility of members of the churches of Oregon responding to the movements of faith and expectancy of this small group? Are there channels through which you and I, as church members—knowing well the need for new churches in Oregon—can contribute to the growth and well-being of the new Lynchwood church and others yet in the planning stage—Corvallis, Springfield, Salem, and others?

The Decade Club is at hand to answer our desires to take part in the New Church Advance in Oregon. On the middle pages of the OREGON CHRISTIAN are forms to fill out and send in to the state office if you desire to become a member. Members will be asked to donate $1.00 upon joining, to cover immediate expenses of the campaign. Then when ground is broken to begin a new church, members of the Decade Club will be called on to donate $10. No

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AFTER THE SERVICE chairs and organ have to be removed, as shown here, so that the dairy room may be made available for its regular use as an observation room for patrons and visitors who wish to see the milking of cows.

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more than two calls a year are to be made on the members of the Club. The goal is 1000 members at $10 each.

119 IN CLUB NOW

Already the response to the Decade Club and the Lynchwood project has begun. It was possible to announce to the assembled Lynchwood church members on January 15, that so far 119 members of First Christian Church, Portland, have joined the Decade Club. (This is a considerably better response than the new-church committee had set as a goal: 1 Decade Club member for each 20 members in any given congregation.)

An anonymous gift of a lot valued around $2000 has been donated to the Lynchwood Church.

In spite of these exciting developments in financing for this new Church, there is an urgency to obtain the other 881 members of the Decade Club needed now to assure the money by March 15 in order to secure a loan from the Board of Church Extension. Only when this money is in hand will the Lynchwood Church be able to build its building.

Why don't you ask your minister for an application to join the Decade Club or clip the application on page 6 of the OREGON CHRISTIAN? What better use for $10 or $20 a year to help build a new Christian Church in Oregon?

Editor Plans Change in Columns

So that the state program may be better publicized, a change is being entertained with regard to the news from the local churches, the columns known as "Around the State With the Churches."

For the time being, beginning in January, the usual double postcards will not be sent out to the individual churches. Instead, **a general invitation is hereby issued to all churches which have newsworthy events to send in a write-up (plus pictures, if any are available) to the Oregon Christian Missionary Society,** 304 Fitzpatrick Building, Portland. Be sure to send the news material in by the 15th of the month.

It may well be that greater space may thus be made available for detailed reporting of truly significant events and local reporters freed from the obligation of writing when they have nothing to report.

Your comments on this plan are invited. Feel free to send them in to the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, 304 Fitzpatrick Building, Portland.

Planning for Quadrennial Assembly

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

By Idella Osburn

S.O.S. Your column in the Oregon Christian this month is just that . . . This is a reminder that the Quadrennial Assembly, held in LaFayette, Indiana, on campus of Purdue University, July 19-23, 1961, is demanding our attention **now** if we are to attend personally or send a delegate from our local Christian Women's Fellowship groups. We are waiting to know more specifically how you wish to travel before making final arrangements with the Greyhound Bus Co. for a through bus schedule. If we do not hear from you this month, we will drop the idea and let each group work out their own mode of travel. Bus schedules need to be worked out months in advance.

REGISTER NOW

Oregon lost her maximum of 99 registrations as of February; so from now on all registrations are open on a first-come first-served basis. We hope you will not miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity because of late registrations. Send your registration, along with the $45.00 fee, to: Quadrennial Assembly, Department of Christian Women's Fellowship, 222 So. Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana, without delay. The registration covers everything from the time of arrival until departure, with exception of the gifts you purchase from the Gift Shop . . .

We know many groups are planning to send one or more delegates but have neglected to send in the registration fee. Many groups are helping others to go by paying the registration fee only. However you are doing it—now is the hour. Have you onsidered sending your president—your minister's wife or other interested persons? A note of interest to you, perhaps, is that **all** personnel, national and state, are paying their own expenses for the Quadrennial. We feel this only fair as the assembly is for all our enrichment and this puts us all on an equal basis; however, we are still encouraging groups to send delegates.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Notice elsewhere in this issue of the **Oregon Christian** an article regarding advance training for the leaders of the "Let's Talk About It" groups which will be held on the campus of Purdue University later this month, February 27, to March 1, 1961. The writer has been asked to take part in the training and lead one of the sixty discussion groups for the Assembly. Many other capable women from Oregon and the Northwest will be sharing in the responsibilities of making this a successful, memorable occasion. Mrs. Ralph Cook, state worship director, Medford, is a member of the program-planning committee and will be serving as chairman in charge of the "Prayer Moments" for the Assembly.

The theme, "Chose Ye This Day", should begin today with each CWF'er.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

If this article reaches you in time—may we urge you to attend the "World Day of Prayer" meeting in your city or area. The theme, "Forward Through the Ages," and the booklet, "There Came a Woman", guides our thinking and will help us observe the 75th anniversary of the day with greater impetus. Since the time of Christ women have given great leadership in the course of a Christian world. Let us join together in a united fellowship of prayer for our world on February 17, (Friday) 1961.

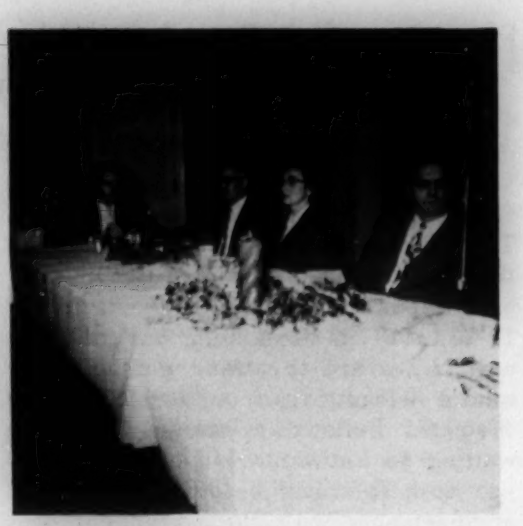
MARGARET KUHN, one of the leaders at CWF Quadrennial Assembly.

Quadrennial Features "Let's Talk" Groups

Miss Margaret E. Kuhn of Philadelphia, Pa., will train the women who will be leading "Let's Talk About It" groups at the Second Quadrennial assembly of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Christian Churches.

The training period is Feb. 27 to March 1, 1961, at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Approximately 110 women will be in the meeting, most of whom will lead the discussion groups at the Quadrennial assembly (July 19-23, 1961) at Purdue.

KENNETH JOHNSTON, chairman of the State Society's stewardship commission, led the set-up meeting at the School of Tithing.



AT KICK-OFF DINNER: Roger Davidson, assistant minister at Forest Grove, Dewey Kooy of Hillsboro, and Mrs. and Mr. Kenneth Smith. Mr. Smith is Forest Grove's stewardship chairman.

137 Pledge Tithe at Forest Grove

By Roger Davidson

The Christian Church of Forest Grove observed December as its Month of Stewardship with the emphasis on tithing. The results of the month of tithing-training was felt on Sunday, January 1 when the Forest Grove Church held its tithing dedication service. There were 137 persons who signed up as tithers. This is 49 more than the church has ever had as signed tithers.

The stewardship commission of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society has been working on a program with which it can help the churches of Oregon set up Schools of Tithing. Kenneth Johnston, minister of Kern Park Christian Church in Portland and the chairman of the Stewardship Commission, came to Forest Grove to meet with all the Sunday School teachers and church officers to set the month's training program.

During the month of December all the teachers taught on the principle of tithing, and Elby Boosinger, minister of the church, dealt with the subject from the pulpit. A Tithing Kick-off Dinner was held on Dec. 7 to get the month under way. At this dinner Ezra Blehm from Harrisburg, Dewey Kooy, minister of the Hillsboro Christian Church, and Dr. Richard Jones, a local dentist and member of the Adventist Church, gave testimony telling what tithing meant to them. Several movies on the stewardship of money were used for the Sunday evening services and the Thursday evening Bible study had special programs dealing with tithing.

The Forest Grove Church is one of several churches in the state that recently completed a School of Tithing.

Churches interested in setting up such a program should write for information to Kenneth Johnston, chairman of the state Stewardship Commission.

WAYNE BRYANT, St. Helens minister, (middle) talks with Kenneth Johnston at the set-up meeting.

CHART to show the giving record of different church brotherhoods is made by these Chi Rho boys.

THE CHURCHES ARE ASKING . . .

The churches are asking "What services can we expect from our State Workers"? This is an excellent question.

First, just as your doctor does not come to your home unless you call him, you should not expect the State Workers to come to your church to render service, unless you invite them. The State Staff is here to serve all of our churches and respond to every call as soon as possible. Asking one of the Staff to "come to our church sometime" is the same as inviting a person to "come to our house for dinner sometime". Set the date for a church visit with the person involved.

In what area of our church life can a church expect help? If it is in the area of Women's work, Mrs. Idella Osburn is available; Miss Loma Mae Jones is available in the area of Christian Education; Sherman Moore has as his special field Evangelism and New Church Development; the State Secretary, Henry L. Searle, is available in the areas of adequate ministerial leadership and general church programming.

What about Men's Work? Both Sherman Moore and Henry Searle are available. The office secretarial staff is available to furnish information and materials during the hours of 9 to 5 Monday through Friday. Whatever the need in your church, there are persons on the State Staff who can help you.

Each person is experienced in his own particular field and is dedicated to the cause of Christ. The State Staff is here to serve!

New Year-Book Ready

The 1960 Year Book of Christian Churches, a volume summarizing the activities of the brotherhood for the past year, was ready for delivery in January of 1961.

Reports and data within this volume are for the most part based upon the fiscal year of July 1, 1959, to June 30, 1960. However, the Minister's Directory was brought up to date as of November 1, 1960, in order to give the most nearly current status and addresses of ministers.

Orders may be sent to the Christian Board of Publication, Beaumont and Pine Boulevard, Box 179, St. Louis 66, Missouri.

WITH THE STATE SECRETARY

Christmas is a time when churches are so busy with their programs and activities that the State Secretary gets some of the office work done. Since the last issue of the **Oregon Christian** I have visited First Church, Portland, and Cedar Hills, Beaverton. At both of these churches worshipful and helpful services with meaningful messages were experienced.

At Springfield First Church your secretary was guest speaker at both of their morning services, and then attended their board meeting, where state plans were presented and discussed. Other speaking engagements include a church night dinner at Forest Grove and the Kern Park planning retreat. In all of the churches visited I have found capable leadership, worthy goals and obpectives, and a fine spirit; without doubt our churches are moving forward in their witness of the Christian gospel.

Other activities have included the annual Oregon Council of Churches Research and Planning Retreat at Oceanlake, the Ministers' Parliament at Northwest Christian College, and the office work.

I should not neglect to mention that we were in Burbank, California, over Christmas. On the 27th our daughter was married to Kenneth Ford, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wesley P. Ford, ministers at Central Christian Church in Pasadena. Both fathers officiated at the wedding at First Christian Church, Burbank.

As we have now entered the year 1961, we look forward with keen anticipation to great accomplishments for Christ and the church. We are in the Decade of Decision; let each Christian decide to be a better follower of Christ.

Young People at Salem First Christian Raise $110 for Campsite

Having heard about the plans of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society to purchase a camp site in Zone 1, the CYF of the First Christian Church in Salem voted to contribute $75. Furthermore, through the efforts of one of the Salem young people an additional $35 was given. As the Church Scroll of the Salem church went to press, the young people had a check for $110 ready to go for the camp-site project.

NEWS OF CHRISTIAN STUDENT CENTERS

DR. ALBERT RASMUSSEN, professor at Pacific School of Religion, was the guest leader at the UCCF retreat.

RICHARD FLOOD, CAMPUS MINISTER AT CORVALLIS

The essential task of the campus ministry is not to make more and better Disciples, American Baptists, Presbyterians, etc. The mission of the Church to the academic community, as expressed through the campus ministry, is to witness to the fact that Jesus Christ is the living Lord. Perhaps the central aim of the campus ministry is to provide Christians in the life of the University with better means and understanding to recognize and use the opportunities that are theirs to perform this witness as they live out the life and mission of the Church. A necessary by-product of this witness is the participation in a local church, and therefore a training in churchmanship. But their witness is to Jesus Christ and not to the Disciples of Christ.

Because the question arose recently about the ignorance of any program or activities on the part of the Christian Church in Corvallis for students, we wanted to use this column to explain just what we are doing. It is true that the Corvallis Christian Church might seem to not have any special program for students, but that is true only because **Christian Student Center at OSC is the expression of the mission of all of the Christian Churches in Oregon.**

The program and activities, except for church school Bible study and worship, are centered in the Center and not in the church. Our mission is expressed in the first paragraph. We try to accomplish it through a variety of ways. There are study groups: Bible study, The Nature of Man, Campus-Bonhoeffer Study, Christ and Contemporary Literature, Disciples of Christ — History and Thought, and a Worship Workshop, all meeting each week. Our Sunday Evening Fellowship features, speakers, discussions, movies, etc. There are special dinners, fellowship hours, parties, etc. offered throughout the year.

Students use the Center facilities to study, to worship, for recreation, for relaxation, for bull sessions, or even for mixing up a batch of cookies. The campus minister is available in his office and at all times for counseling. He is a part of the state staff of the OCMS and so represents all of the churches around the state.

There is a variety of activities and opportunities available for the students to choose from. Perhaps it is true that we do not do as much as we should, even with such a full schedule, but maybe this is true because the churches of Oregon still are not committed to the fact that we do have a mission. Someone recently was speaking about the foreign and American students on the campus and said, "These are the leaders of the world in a few years. The church cannot afford to not make its witness known. If it waits until these students are the leaders, then it has lost the battle."

DULCINA ELLIOTT, CAMPUS MINISTER AT EUGENE

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7. Security. Some of us can remember when no one was particularly concerned about "security" as such because our eyes were on other things: serving humanity, realizing our God-given talents, and such. Security in the modern sense is basically selfish in its desires. Yet modern students do not want to pioneer, to "stick their necks out", or do anything that sets them apart. They want to be in the groove—which used to be the rut! In Bible times men left all and went forth to follow Him. Today not many want to leave comforts, friends, family, or anything that makes them feel "secure". No one wants to be an Abraham, or an Amos, or a Paul, if it sets him apart from his contemporaries. Togetherness has become a mushy term for huddling under shelter while the bombs of world revolution are falling all around us.

And it is not particularly the fault of the students that they are part of a society which is complacent, smug, and settled in its status quo. But as the church of Jesus Christ, it is high time to sound the clarion call that will set us on the upward trail. These students of today, one-fourth of them married, many of them doing graduate work, all being pushed to do a higher and higher quality of class work, need the church as never before.

THE DECADE CLUB

The Aim

. . . At least 1,000 charter members enrolled by March 15

. . . At least 5% of the church membership enrolled.

The Purpose

. . . Provide adequate funds at a crucial time in the establishing of a new church.

. . . Help launch a new congregation with adequate facilities to grow and become an effective church.

The Plan

. . . Enroll at least 1,000 members at $1.00 per membership.

. . . Members to respond with a $10.00 contribution at the time of each ground-breaking for a new church.

. . . Not more than two calls will be made in any one year.

. . . Name a Decade Club Membership Chairman in the congregation.

. . . Keep a roster of the Decade Club membership posted in the church. A roster will be furnished each church.

. . . Encourage membership in the Decade Club as an effective way to launch new churches.

Your response spells the relative success or failure of the NEW CHURCH ADVANCE PROGRAM in Oregon.

. . . If you believe in this NEW CHURCH ADVANCE PROGRAM, sign up the members of your family, or take out more than one membership for yourself.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

in the

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of

New Church Builders

Please enroll me as a Charter Member of the Decade of New Church Builders. The initial Membership Fee at $1.00 is enclosed.

Signed_____ Street Address_____

City_____ Name of Church_____

(Cut this form out and give it to your local Membership Chairman or mail to the Oregon Christian Missionary Society. Your membership card will be mailed to you.)

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FACTS and PLANS

The Need

. . . During the Decade, Oregon's population is predicted to increase between 500,000 and 600,000.

. . . Many new residential areas are being, and will be, developed in the urban centers of Oregon.

. . . A decisive and purposive program is needed to keep pace with Oregon's growth in this Decade.

How to Meet It

. . . Provide land and first unit of a building to give immediate opportunity, strength and permanency to each new congregation.

. . . Provide a minister during the formative period of the church's life.

We Propose

. . . Building at least 20 churches in growing and strategic areas of the state.

Meeting our opportunities and responsibilities and again becoming an aggressive and growing church in Oregon.

. . . This is an approved Designated "Over-and-Above" project and all funds will go 100% to New Church building. These are individual gifts and do not take the place of regular church support of the New Church Advance but will be credited to church of which donor is a member.

. . . What this will do — 70% will go directly and immediately into new churches here in Oregon. 30% will go into the Brotherhood-wide New Church Program. (The greater part, or more, of this will return to Oregon as the Brotherhood supports the NEW CHURCH ADVANCE PROGRAM in the new and growing Northwest.)

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PERFECT ATTENDANCE for the year was scored by 21 members of the Willamina Christian Bible School, and 8 others included in this picture missed only one Sunday because of illness. Average attendance for the year at the Willamina Christian Church was 132. Ray Smith (second from left in the back row) is minister; his wife is in the back row at extreme right.

Two Workshops Will Be Feature of Oregon Christian Assembly February 9-10

Two workshops on Christian Action and Community Service will be held at 9:45 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., at the Oregon Assembly of Christian Churches in Corvallis.

Resource leader for the workshops will be Eugene Kidder, associate minister of the University Christian Church in Seattle. Mr. Kidder is a graduate of the University of Washington and Yale Divinity School, where he received his B.D. in 1954. His major interest and field of study was "Problems of Church and Community."

After leaving Yale he served five years with the "Disciples Council" in St. Louis, where he pastored an integrated, bi-racial church in a depressed area, did social work in a tenement district, and also took special training as a marriage counselor at the Menninger Clinic at Topeka Kansas.

Mr. Kidder's special field at the University Church is in youth work and counseling. He is a native of the Northwest, married, and has a girl, 6, and a boy, 5.

Members of Christian Action and Community Service committees of local congregations are especially urged to attend these two workshops and to consult with Mr. Kidder. A question box will be provided at the display which the State Christian Action Commission will have at the Assembly.

(for full details of the Assembly program, see the back cover of this issue.)

Letter to Oregon Liquor Commission

The following letter was sent in December by the State Commission on Christian Action and Community Service to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission:

Gentlemen:

At the last meeting of the board of directors of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society a resolution was passed commending the OLCC on their decision not to extend the open hours of taverns.

As Christians we are interested in not only control but curtailment of the liquor traffic. We believe that your decision was a wise one, and Christian people appreciate it.

We trust that you will continue to resist any requests for lengthening open hours or loosening of restrictions.

Oregon Christian Missionary Society

Very truly yours,
Oregon Christian
Missionary Society
Donald Farr, chairman
Christian Action and
Community Service
Commission

P O A U Organization Calls for Watchful Cooperation with JFK

Jan. 5 — Author Paul Blanshard, speaking last night in Constitution Hall to a mass meeting held by Protestants and Other Americans United, called for "watchful cooperation with President-elect Kennedy so long as he fulfills his magnificent pledges to support the absolute separation of church and state. He is entitled as the new President to the support of all the people of every political party and of every faith. I personally believe that he will be true to those pledges. His first appointments have shown no religious bias whatever."

At the same time Mr. Blanshard assailed the Catholic bishops of the United States for "a church-state policy that is flatly opposed to that of the Supreme Court", and declared that there are three great battles on the horizon involving a conflict between Catholic policy and American democracy in the fields of medicine, taxation, and education.

He declared that the Catholic Church "was pressing its fight for public money for its schools in almost every issue of every Catholic newspaper right through the recent campaign, while many editors and the Democratic National Committee were saying that the church accepted the American concept of church-state separation. It would be a false tolerance for non-Catholics to yield on this issue without counter-attack."

Corvallis Couple Enroute to Holy Land

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Gilbert, members of the Corvallis Christian Church, embarked from New York, January 19, on the S.S. Constitution, bound for Italy, Egypt, and the Holy Land.

Dr. Gilbert, a long-time elder of the Corvallis Christian Church, recently retired from the Chemistry Department of Oregon State College. Mrs. Gilbert has held several posts of leadership, not only in the Corvallis church but also in the State Society. Last July she finished a three-year term on the board of directors of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society.

On this, their third trip to Europe, the Gilberts will visit Turkey, Greece, Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, Ireland, and England before they return to America in June.

Unique Bible Readings Featured in Eugene

EUGENE, OREGON—Seven persons read Bible verses in different languages and from Braille as part of a recent Sunday morning worship service held here at First Christian Church.

"The Book for Everyone" was the theme illustrated in these readings during a service conducted by the Rev. Carlton Buck, First Christian pastor.

Reading verses in the following languages were Mrs. R. C. Royston, German, a member; King Chau, Chinese, a deacon; Ted Yamamori, Japanese, student member; Earl Van Slyck, Greek, member of Allison Park Christian Church; Ease Morauis, Brazilian, University of Oregon; Oomen Abraham, a language of India.

Classen Davis of Eugene read from a Braille Bible. Yamamori, Van Slyck, and Abraham are students at Northwest Christian College in Eugene.

The service was held in conjunction with the world-wide program sponsored by the American Bible Society.

PARRISH GIRL INJURED

Miss Edith Parrish, daughter of Elery Parrish, well-known Oregon minister, was injured in an automobile accident in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was treated in a hospital, and at the latest report was recovering satisfactorily.

Miss Parrish is private secretary to Miss Jessie Trout, who is the executive secretary of the Christian Women's Fellowship, United Christian Missionary Society.

The Dalles Church Burns Mortgage

The First Christian Church of The Dalles celebrated the completion of its building payments by burning its mortgage. Dr. Ross J. Griffeth, president of Northwest Christian College, brought the message of the morning.

The actual igniting of the paid-up document was done by Harry M. Ford, eldest resident member, as he touched the paper to a candle flame. The candle rested upon an old pulpit, the first one used by the congregation. It dates back to 1892.

Those on the platform witnessing the ceremony were Joe McNought, president of the First National Bank, The Dalles branch; Russell Myers, former minister; H. Harold Johnson, present minister; and John Robinson, chairman of the church board.

The building is valued at $200,000. The present congregation numbers 550.

New Areas of Adult Education Opened by Church in Eugene

The First Christian Church of Eugene has begun a set of new classes for adults in an effort to make adult education in the church a more effective ministry. Four such classes are now in existence.

Parent education is being conducted through a monthly class which meets in duplicate sections in the morning and the evening of the last Friday of the month. The McGraw-Hill series of films on child development is being used as the foundation and stimulus of discussion of family problems related to the raising of children. Nursery service is provided at both classes to encourage the attendance of both husband and wife in families with children.

Business men are participating in a noon-hour study of the Book of Romans. This class, which will last for twelve weeks, begins promptly at 12:00 noon and ends promptly at 1:00 P.M. Coffee and tea are supplied by the church so that the men can bring a sack lunch and eat while engaging in the class. Fourteen men who work in the downtown area have responded to this opportunity.

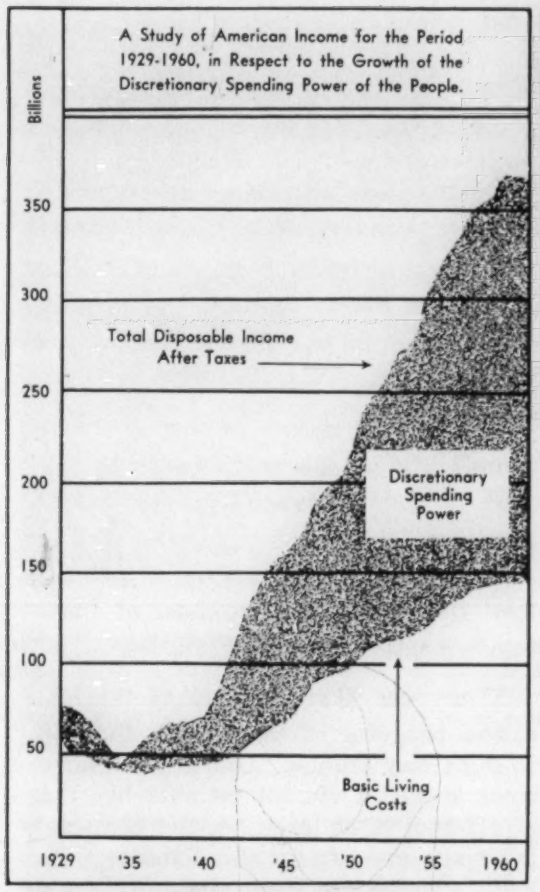
Two classes for women are being held. One, for business women, meets on a basis similar to the class for business men. Both of these classes are restricted in size in order to encourage full participation by all those who attend. This class is also engaged in Bible study.

The other class for women meets for an hour and a half on Wednesday mornings. They are well along in a study that centers upon the new Layman's Bible Commentary series being published by John Knox Press. Volume 1, "Introduction to the Bible," is the current text for this class.

All of these classes emphasize the responsibility of the participants to take part in the discussion, to prepare beforehand, to attend regularly, and to make the class a valuable experience. Rev. Don Rogers, the minister of Christian education, leads the classes.

There are other features of the education program of the church that are in some way unique. One is the twelve-week class on church membership that is offered to children on the Saturday mornings preceding Palm Sunday. The basic materials of the course, "I Choose the Way", are enlarged in this study. A special class for high-school students meets each Sunday afternoon from 5:00 to 6:00 to study theological subjects. "I Believe", by Harner, has been the first text in this class. Other features planned are the Vacation Church School that will meet for eight Wednesday mornings during the months of July and August, and a day camp for juniors, to run in conjunction with this program.

MORTGAGE BURNING at the Dalles: left to right, Joe McNought, Russell Myers, H. Harold Johnson, Harry M. Ford, and John Robinson.



Our Giving Potential

Often heard is the statement: "Of course we would like to give more to our church but we just can't. It is really more difficult to make both ends meet today than ever before." Just how true is this statement?

In 1929 the American income was approximately 80 billions of dollars. Basic living costs, (food, clothing and shelter) amounted to about 55 billions, leaving a difference of 25 billions or 31.25% of income for discretionary spending. Four years later the income of America had decreased to less than 50 billions, the basic cost of living was 49 billion dollars, leaving a difference of a billion dollars or less. For many people the total income was absorbed by basic costs.

The income of America has continued to climb until last year it reached the peak of nearly 370 billions. Basic cost of living likewise increased, but did not exceed 140 billions, leaving a difference of 230 billions or 62.16% of income to be spent by Americans at their discretion. These figures are based upon incomes after taxes have been deducted.

In other words, the typical American family, if in financial difficulty, is there by choice. The future is mortgaged, not for necessities but for "wants." Churches can render a real service to many families through guidance in family budgeting and assistance in the establishment of priorities based upon Christian service and stewardship.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE for 25 years is the record made by the two women in the middle of the picture. They are Mrs. Grace Thomas (left) and Mrs. Ethel Reynolds. Standing at the left of the picture is Arthur Pfaff, superintendent of the church school. At the extreme right is Truman Robbins, minister of the Tillamook Christian Church. Other members of the Tillamook church, besides those shown above, received attendance awards ranging from 15 years to 24 years. They include Mrs. Elizabeth Schweiger, Ervin Fountain, Margaret Fountain, Gary Fountain, Mrs. Sue Walker, and Mrs. Catherine Travis.

Mrs. Victor P. Morris Speaks at Luncheon

Mrs. Victor P. Morris was guest speaker at a luncheon for the Christian Women's Fellowship of District 4. She spoke on the situation in Korea as she observed it while she and Dr. Morris were there recently on a government economic mission.

The theme for the luncheon was "Into All the World." The table decorations included dolls from various countries and small flags as individual favors. Larger flags were on display at one end of the room.

The meeting was held January 11 at the Corvallis Christian Church. Among those attending were women representing the churches of Halsey, Harrisburg, First Christian and Eastside of Albany, Crabtree, and Lebanon.

Mrs. J. L. Kilbourne, worship chairman of the Corvallis CWF, was mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Allen Horn, district secretary of CWF, led the worship. Mrs. Charles Clubine sang two solos, accompanied by Mrs. Chadwick Pratt at the piano. Mrs. James Morris, president of the Corvallis CWF and sister-in-law of the speaker, introduced her. Mrs. Richard Flood led the group singing.

A time of rapid growth

Stimulating and practical books for NINE TO FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLDS to develop church membership awareness

Choosing the Way, by JOSEPH A. HOUSTON. These 64 pages of plans and work sheets cover steps to becoming a follower of Christ, Christian growth, living with others, and information about the disciples of Christ. *75 cents.*

I Choose the Way, by DORIS CLORE DEMAREE. Included in this 32-page book are stories, poems and clear statements about our basic beliefs on God, Jesus, baptism, being a Christian, and the Disciples of Christ. *40 cents.*

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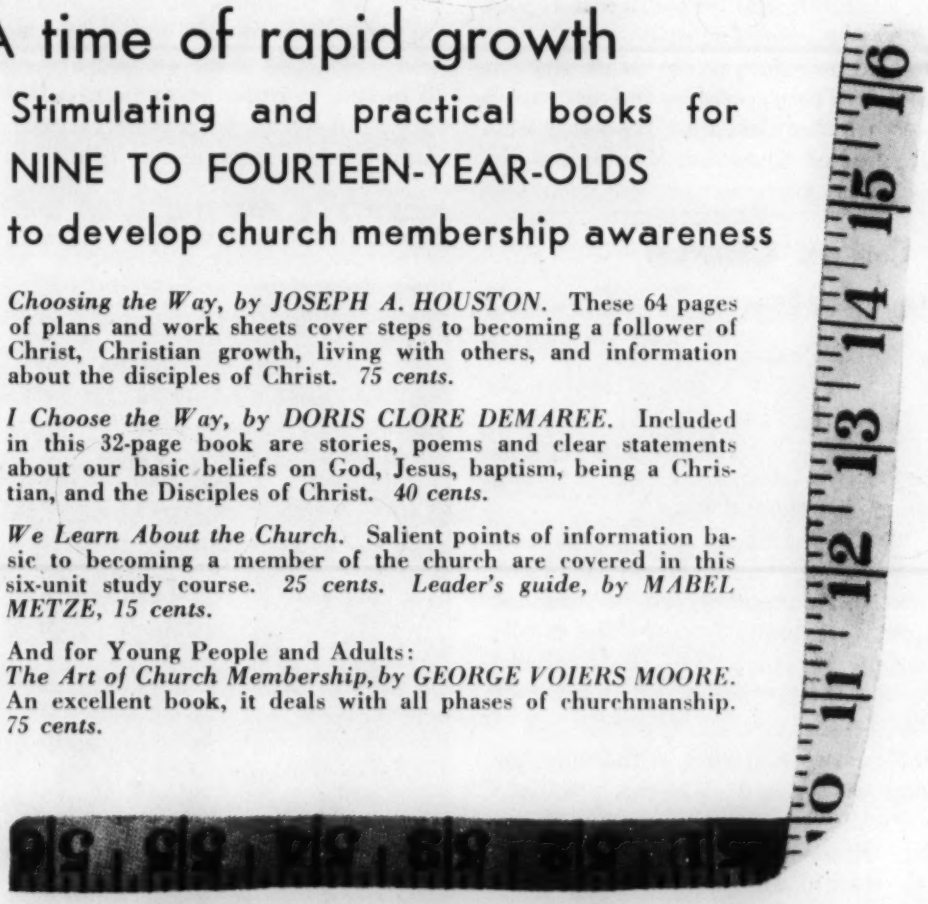
The Art of Church Membership, by GEORGE VOIERS MOORE. An excellent book, it deals with all phases of churchmanship. *75 cents.*



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Around The State With The Churches

MOSIER: Three added by statement. The Bible school had its annual Christmas program on December 18, under the direction of Mrs. Vernon Reeves, with a large attendance. Cooperating with churches in this district on plans for the World Day of Prayer. Dr. John Gest, minister.

PORTLAND - LYNCHWOOD: Eleven added by transfer. Following the service, January 8, a discussion and planning session on church school was led by Miss Loma Mae Jones. As soon as teachers, materials and equipment can be arranged for, Bible-school classes will start. Plans include commissioning services in the various "parent" churches on January 29. Raymond Helseth, minister.

MILL CITY: Eight added by baptism, 2 otherwise. The youth work is going well with 17 juniors and 11 high-school youth at the last meeting. The adults are starting a joint prayer meeting and Bible study on Sunday nights. CWF held their Christmas program with a pot luck dinner.

SWEET HOME: ..Thirty-seven baptisms and 11 otherwise added in 1960. Medford Jones, evangelist, will lead us in a Festival of Faith, March 12-24. Earl F. Downing, minister.

WILLAMINA: Annual meeting held January 8 with election of officers and the adoption of a new constitution and by-laws to provide for the functional plan of organization. Reports showed increase in every way although several families have left this community. Bible-school attendance averaged 132 and morning worship 82 for the year. Total giving was over $7700 including $895 for a special building fund. Total of $769 given to missions and benevolences. New classroom and utility-room addition started in July were ready for use before the year closed. Ray Smith, minister.

HALFWAY: Attendance is running double that of last year. Five attended the World Fellowship Youth meet at Nyssa, November 18-19. The Henry Searles were with us Sunday night, November 6 Loma Mae Jones met with us on November 20, and Brother Ed Dewees was here on the night of December 8. We plan to have him assist us in an evangelistic calling campaign for the week from Palm Sunday to Easter. The choir put on a Christmas program, and the Bible school held a week-night program, December 21. Have recently purchased robes for the choir. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Harriman, ministers.

MOLALLA: Two added by transfer. A snow retreat was held at Mt. Hood, January 2. Our church basement is nearing completion with many improvements made during the past three months. Fred Hatchell, minister.

GLADSTONE: Organized a prayer-therapy group for the study of prayer to present-day problems. Had 88 persons out in the three groups at the second session held on Wednesday evenings James Matthew Alley, minister.

MEDFORD - FIRST: Three added by baptism, 5 otherwise. David R. Harkness has been hired as the architect for the new church. Pledges for the building fund have totaled $64,912; the set goal was $54,000. School of Missions held in January and February. Fred R. Evans, minister.

MILTON - FREEWATER: Installation and reception for Mr. and Mrs. George Knox, new minister, and family was held January 22, with Henry Searle as guest speaker. The minister is emphasizing functional-committee organization and calling on all families. He is teaching a special series of lessons on "The Church's Total Ministry" to the Homebuilders class of married couples. Oscar Cooper, field representative for the Northwestern Christian Home, was a recent visitor to a Sunday-morning service. George Knox was guest speaker for the annual dinner meeting of the Council of Churches. Women of the church are planning a prayer vigil to last two days and two nights. Mrs. Bernadine Geissel, church secretary, is to be a delegate and hostess at the CWF Quadrennial at Purdue. Effie Ritchey also plans to attend. New youth counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mayberry and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Moon, with Tom Stratton, our recent interim minister, as advisor to the counselors. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moon, long-time capable counselors, have resigned. Mr. Moon is the new church-school superintendent. Irene Warner, reporter.

ALBANY - EASTSIDE: Three additions by transfer and six by baptism. Welcoming Dinner was held January 22 in honor of the nine new members who have been received into the church within the last month. Mrs. Allen Horn of Corvallis spoke at Women's Day program in December. Mr. Sherman Moore helped us greatly at our last board meeting. Ralph Isacson, pastor, exchanged pulpits one Sunday in December with Bob Gates, Halsey minister. Halsey and Eastside churches had a union party on January 6 to climax a Bible-school contest.

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COMPASSION—AN EDITORIAL

To "Break Bread Together" for most of us may mean taking part in a communion service in a church or camp experience. **It has a broader meaning as the theme for the Week of Compassion, February 19-26, 1961.**

Because you share, an emaciated child in Hong Kong can receive milk rations.

Because you share, a refugee boy in Jericho can take vocational training at a Y.M.C.A.

Because you share, a sick child can receive treatment for hookworms at a refugee camp in Gaza.

Bacause you share, a child in Lebanon can have some warm clothing to wear.

Because you share, a Disciple chaplain may visit a sick seaman in a hospital.

Because you share, there can be a nursery available for refugee children in Greece.

Because you share . . .

By the way, have you shared?

—Week of Compassion,
February 19-26, 1961—

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Enclosed is one dollar and fifty cents for our subscription to the **Oregon Christian.** My how glad I am that you sent us a reminder to renew our little magazine. We just wouldn't want to miss one issue of it, for we do look forward to each issue. Thank you.

Respectfully,
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PROGRAM FOR

Oregon Christian Assembly

Corvallis Christian Church, February 9-10

(Dr. Carlton Buck)

(Mrs. Carlton Buck)

(Henry L. Searle)

The Oregon Christian Assembly begins Thursday, February 9, at 2:30 P.M. in the Corvallis Christian Church. Wayne Bryant will preside at the opening session. The Assembly theme is "Forward with Christ Through the Decade."

The tentative program for the afternoon is as follows:

2:30 Song Service ....Dr. Carlton Buck
2:40 Scripture and prayer, James Fraley
2:50 Message .....Henry Searle
3:20 Message .....Dr. Gene Johnson
4:00 Book displays; registration

The Thursday banquet will begin at 6:00 P.M. in the First Methodist Church (the banquet room. of the Christian Church is too small to accomodate the anticipated crowd). Ray Helseth, minister at Lynchwood Christian Church in Portland, will preside. Arthur Stanley will bring the message, "New Church Development." Special music will be provided by the First Christian Church in Salem.

At the Thursday evening session Elby Boosinger will preside. The evening program is as follows:

7:30 Song service .....Dr Carlton Buck
Scripture and prayer .....Phil Wolfe
Offering and announcements
Recognition .....Earl Hastings
Special music ....Corvallis Church choir
Message .....Dr. Gene Johnson
Benediction .....Orris Doty

On Friday morning, February 10, the day's activities begin with a worship service at 9:30, led by Jack Naff. At 9:50 simultaneous workshops begin. The workshop on World Outreach is moderated by Mrs. Henry Searle. The workshop on New Church Advance will be moderated by Sherman Moore. At 11:00 the delegates will reconvene in full assembly, presided over by Mrs. Blewford Osburn. Dr. Carlton Buck will be the song leader. The message of the morning will be brought by Arthur Stanley.

At 2:00 P.M. the workshops reconvene. The program for the remainder of afternoon is as follows:

3:30 Assembly, Mrs. C. P. Smith presiding.
Song Service .....Dr. Carlton Buck
3:40 The Oregon Christian ..Ray Hewitt
3:45 Solo .....Mrs. Carlton Buck
3:50 Message: New Church Advance in Oregon .....Dr. Harold Glen Brown

The final banquet begins at 6:00 P.M. in the First Methodist Church, with Len Fishback presiding. Dr. Gene Johnson is scheduled to present the banquet message and the NCC quartet to sing.

The final session of the Assembly begins at 7:30 Friday evening, Glyn Adsit presiding. The program is as follows:

7:30 Song service .....Dr. Carlton Buck
Offering and announcements
Installation service for Henry Searle, executive secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society
Message .....Arthur Stanley
Communion service
Benediction .....Clifford Trout

PRAISE FOR STATE PAPER

Milton-Freewater, Oregon
December 20, 1960

Dear folks:

Here is hoping you get this in time so I won't miss an issue of our wonderful paper. You sure are doing a wonderful job with it.

—Guy and Fannie Wrinkle

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